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SUBJECT: ENERGY: SECGEN VIEWS ON WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. SINCE RETURNING FROM WASHINGTON, SECGEN HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. FEELS OECD ECONOMIC ROLE RECOGNIZED AND STRENGTHENED, WHILE CREATION TEMPORARY COORDINATING GROUP TO PREPARE CONFERENCE WITH PRODUCERS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE. DISAGREED WITH EC ATTEMPT TO GIVE THIS ROLE TO OECD, WHICH WOULD ENDANGER ECONOMIC COOPERATION HERE AND MIGHT TARNISH OECD'S REPUTATION FOR OBJECTIVITY WITHLDC'S. EMPHASIZED THAT SOLIDARITY AMONG IMPORTERS ON ECONOMIC POLICY MATTERS IS ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION TO MEETING WITH PRODUCERS. MENTIONED OECD SECRETARIAT CONTACT WITH OPEC SECRETARIAT, WHICH HE EXPECTED WOULD LEAD TO EXCHANGES OF ECONOMIC ANALYSES. END SUMMARY.

2. SECGEN CALLED HEADS OF DELS MEETING FEBRUARY 15 TO REPORT ON WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. HE EXPRESSED SAME VIEWS PRIVATELY TO CHARGE BEFORE MEETING.

3. SECGEN SAID HE WAS "VERY SATISFIED" WITH OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE. HE FELT IT GAVE NEW POLITICAL IMPETUS TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION WORK IN OECD. SAID ALL PARTICIPANTS ACCEPTED THAT OECD APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY POLICIES AND OF ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF CRISIS.

4. SECGEN FLATLY DISSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM EC ATTEMPT AT CONFERENCE TO LODGE FOLLOW-UP MACHINERY FOR PREPARATION OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE IN OECD, WHICH WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH HIM BEFORE IT WAS PROPOSED AT CONFERENCE. (IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE CHARACTERIZED THIS PROPOSAL AS "DESPERATE ATTEMPT" ON PART OF EC EIGHT TO FIND ACCEPTABLE COMMON GROUND WITH FRANCE.) ENTIRE FOLLOW-UP TO CONFERENCE  
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CONCEIVABLY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO OECD, AND SECGEN DID NOT COMPLETELY EXCLUDE BROADER OECD ROLE AT SOME FUTURE DATE, BUT HE FELT STRONGLY THAT ESSENTIAL OECD TECHNICAL ROLE OF COOPERATION ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND DEVELOPMENT COULD BE COMPROMISED IF HIGHLY POLITICAL ASPECTS OF PREPARATION FOR MEETING WITH PRODUCERS WERE NEGOTIATED NOW IN OECD. IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING HE GAVE DEVELOPMENT OF CODE GOVERNING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

WITH PRODUCERS AS EXAMPLE OF POLITICAL-TYPE ACTIVITY THAT  
COULD COMPROMISE OECD ROLE AND SHOULD THEREFORE  
BE DONE BY COORDINATING GROUP.

5. SECGEN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD INVITED OPEC TO EXCHANGE  
INFORMATION ON ECONOMIC IMPACT OF DECEMBER INCREASE IN OIL  
PRICES AND ON ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF LONG-RUN OIL  
SUPPLY AND PRICE SITUATION. SAID HE HAD "EVERY REASON TO  
BELIEVE" THAT SUCH EXCHANGES WILL IN FACT TAKE PLACE  
BETWEEN SECRETARIATS. HOWEVER, OPEC ACCEPTANCE OF OECD  
AS SOURCE OF IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS WOULD BE IMPAIRED IF OECD  
DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSUMER COUNTRY PREPARATIONS  
FOR MEETING WITH PRODUCERS.

6. SECGEN HOPED OECD WOULD BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH  
COORDINATING GROUP, THOUGH NOT AS MEMBER, WHICH WOULD  
CONTRADICT ECONOMIC ROLE SECGEN SEES FOR  
ORGANIZATION. OECD INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE BOTH TO MAKE  
CLEAR WHAT OECD IS DOING ON ECONOMIC AND ENERGY COOPERATION  
AND TO RECEIVE INDICATIONS OF WORK FOR WHICH OECD IS  
SUITABLE BODY.

7. SECGEN DESCRIBED AT SURPRISING LENGTH DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN FRANCE AND OTHER TWELVE. HE INDICATED THAT THERE  
NOW GENERAL ACCEPTANCE THAT ROLE OF LDC S IS DIFFERENT  
FROM AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THAT OF INDUSTRIALIZED  
COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
POSSIBILITIES FOR ACTION IN FACE OF ENERGY CRISIS. AT  
SEVERAL POINTS IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE INDICATED  
RECOGNITION OF FLEXIBILITY U.S. HAS SHOWN. BOTH IN  
PRIVATE AND TO HEADS OF DELS, HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION  
THAT HE WAS FULLY INVOLVED WITH MINISTERS, INCLUDING AT  
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